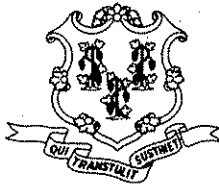


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Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security  
Public Hearing Testimony  
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Dear Senator Stillman, Senator Guglielmo, Senator Daily, Representative Dargan, Representative Perillo, Representative Jutila, and Public Safety and Security Committee Membership:

I want to thank the Public Safety and Security Committee for hosting this public hearing on SB 312, An Act Mandating the Regionalization of Public Safety Emergency Telecommunication Centers. This bill has a number of aspects to it that would be beneficial to our communities and to the safety of those who utilize emergency services.

From an economics standpoint, this legislation would significantly increase the efficiency of our resources and it would save a considerable amount of money for the municipalities. Similar measures have been adopted in other states and the results have been encouraging. Response times are significantly decreased and there is better access for emergency response crews to disaster recovery sites.

Currently, Monroe is working with Trumbull and Easton on a variety of local issues. The towns have a good working relationship and it is my hope that passage of this legislation will lead to greater coordination and cooperation.

It is difficult to find fault with this legislation. In the current economic climate, I am committed to doing everything within my power to cut spending wherever possible—this is one very productive way in which to accomplish that. Safety is the number one priority of any government entity and this legislation is one such opportunity for emergency response to reach those in need much faster and much more efficiently.

Thank you for your time and support.